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BETTER WATCH OUT...For the second Saturday evening in a row, Santa Claus was spotted in town. On Saturday, Nov. 24, he made an appearance in the Elba Christmas Parade, and last Saturday, Dec. 1, he visited New Brockton for its first ever Christmas Parade. The parade in New Brockton was deemed a huge success with approximately 60 entries including marching units, floats, political candidates, the "big guy himself" and many more. During the monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council Monday evening, Dec. 3, parade committee members reported to Mayor Charles Cole and council members that the parade well exceeded their expectations and plans are already underway for next year's event. Also committee members thanks the countless number of people who volunteered their time in assisting with the parade. Above, Santa rings in the holiday season for New Brockton as he is joined by several local people. The picture is proof that 'Ole Saint Nick is watching as he makes his list, checks it twice and prepares to return on Christmas Eve. Additional pictures from the first ever New Brockton Christmas parade will be highlighted in next week's edition of The Elba Clipper.

Mayor tells council that financial reports show Elba is "surviving"

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting of November 26th consisted of a housekeeping resolution wanted by the auditors, a short report on the cost of repairing the Head Start building and a couple of other "for your information" comments. Mayor James Grimes told council members the city's financial reports show Elba is "surviving" even though income is \$25,000 below projections for the first month of the fiscal year. Much of that shortfall shouldn't be alarming, as the income projection was arrived at by dividing annual

receipts by the 12 months, when actually the money comes in only one or two checks of as much \$25,000.

On the positive side, that income shortfall was offset by a \$46,000 savings in operating expenses for the month. Of course about \$25,000 of this was payments due on loans, etc. which were not actually due in October, but fit into the "divide by 12" accounting action.

The council passed a resolution, requested by the auditors, establishing an industry approved standard of depreciation on purchased assets.

Grimes estimated the cost of remodeling the city owned Head

Elba W&E board considers two projects

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board has under consideration two projects which will expand the storage capacity of the local water system.

The relatively new tank East of town is in the proposed right-of-way for the four-laning of U. S. Highway 84 and must be moved. Ever increasing water usage justifies increasing the storage capacity in this area. The utility can expand (maybe double) the size of this tank when it is being replaced, just by paying the difference in the cost of the larger tank. The highway expansion funds will pay for replacing the existing capacity.

South of town, near Kelley Foods, is another location under

consideration for a well and tank. The utility has an electric pump in this area to maintain pressure on water pumped from other parts of town. This pumping system is reaching capacity and can only work when electric power is available. Kelley Foods is expanding and has plans for much more expansion, thus will need more water, as will the additional homes being established in this part of town. A new water well and tank, installed at the same elevation as existing tanks, could supply these growing needs, as well as serve as back-up water pumping and storage for other areas of town, in the case where one of the existing wells and/or tanks is out of working order or fails to keep up with demand.

Governor awards \$437,042 grant to assist families in five southeast Alabama counties

Eligible persons interested in applying for energy assistance should contact the Human Resource Development Corp. in Enterprise. An applicant must be the head of household or spouse of the head of household. If an applicant is 60 years old or older or disabled, he/she can authorize, in writing, an individual to apply for him or her. The applicant must provide proof the total household (gross) income for the month of November 2001; a copy of a recent heating bill, and a social security number of the applicant and all household members. Applications will be taken on December 20, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in the community room, Farm Center Complex in New Brockton. For more information, please contact Human Resource Development Corporation at (334)347-0881, 897-2667, or 565-3411.

Gov. Don Siegelman has awarded a \$437,042 grant to assist low-income families in five southeast Alabama counties with their home energy bills. The governor notified the Human Resource Development Corp. in Enterprise that he is making the funds available to help the low-income families they serve in Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties meet the high cost of warming their homes this winter.

Start building at \$3,000 to \$3,500 with \$1,000 being roof repairs and the balance inside the building. This work will allow the enrollment of about 17 additional students. No decision was made on this matter. Grimes noted that the two

constitutionally required monthly council meetings will be held on the night of December 10th. City Attorney Jeff Kelley reported that he was moving forward with securing deeds to property needed for levee expansion work.

New Brockton Town Council votes to rescind annexation resolution

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although the New Brockton Town Council appeared to be having a routine meeting Monday evening, Dec. 3, as the members worked through the items on the agenda, they found looks to be deceiving when Mayor Charles Cole opened the meeting for comments from the citizens in attendance.

During the November meeting, council members approved a resolution to advertise a proposed annexation of territory into the corporate limits of the Town of New Brockton. The advertisement ran four consecutive times in The Elba Clipper, which was a requirement by law in order for New Brockton to proceed with the project.

However, upon the recommendation of Mayor Cole, the council approved a motion Monday evening, Dec. 3, to rescind the annexation resolution and start over with the project. Cole said ideas for the project as it begins from ground zero again will be discussed during the next working session of the town council.

Once the meeting was opened by the mayor and council members for comments from those in attendance, it became quite clear that the annexation project was

the main thing on the minds of the people.

Several people living in the areas earmarked by the annexation resolution advertised and rescinded by the council offered their opinions about becoming a part of the Town of New Brockton and asked the mayor and council members what the town had to offer them.

"When we started this our concern was the growth of New Brockton, and we needed to expand to do this," Cole said. "The only thing we can offer you is what we offer the people in town already."

The council found many of these citizens echoing one another's words in saying they did not want to become a part of the town of New Brockton. There were many reasons offered to the council as to why the people did not want to become a part of the town, including one man indicating that he has lived in the county his whole life and doesn't want the Town of New Brockton telling him he can or cannot carry on certain family traditions because of various town ordinances.

"I'm here as a representative of New Brockton," Councilman Jody Stuckey said. "When I look at New Brockton, I look at the community of New Brockton,

WCA gets a step closer to possible purchase of Coffee County Landfill

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission resumed its recessed meeting from Monday, Nov. 26, on Thursday, Nov. 30, and after a lengthy discussion the commission again found itself in a recess until Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The only matter discussed during the meeting was the sale of the Coffee County Landfill.

As the commission turned to Randy Tindell, the county engineer, for an update on where the county is in regards to negotiations with Waste Corporation of America, Inc. (WCA), the company wanting to buy the landfill from the county, Tindell said he had just received a final draft of the contract. He said it was his recommendation that the meeting be recessed again in an effort to give the county time to have an experienced environmental contract attorney review the document.

Joe Cassidy, the county attorney, told commissioners that the county is restricted in things that they can and cannot do, and he agreed that it would be best to have an attorney experienced in environmental law look over the contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robert Stephens to recess the meeting until Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. to allow time for an experienced environmental contract lawyer

to look over the contract. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jim Thompson.

Before voting on the motion, Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley opened the matter for discussion by the commission.

"I think we should have a copy to look at as well," said Commissioner Doug Dalrymple. "There may be something in here that I don't like."

At that point, he asked Tindell if a couple of concerns he had already expressed in regards to the contract had been taken care of in the draft before them now. He said his concerns involved royalties and accountability to the county.

Tindell said those issues had not been taken care of at that point, and Dalrymple responded by saying as far as he was concerned the issue would be on hold until these matters were resolved.

"I'm not satisfied with the one we had and according to our engineer the changes I asked for haven't been made," Dalrymple said. "I don't see spending money to have this looked over if the changes are not made. I wouldn't vote for it without the changes being made."

Dalrymple then made an amended motion to move forward with the matter if the coun

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and all we (town council) try to do is what's best for New Brockton as a community."

Stuckey did respond to the question of what the Town of New Brockton has to offer the people in the area of the annexation by saying that he personally has found that living in the city limits has lowered his home (fire) insurance.

"My actions were to be good and for the people," Stuckey said.

After several citizens expressed their views to the council, Cole thanked them for speaking out and said everything mentioned during the meeting would be considered when the council looks at the project again. He also reminded the people that they should call the New Brockton Town Hall by the Thursday before a council meeting to have their name added to the meeting's agenda if they wanted to address the council.

In regards to business included

on the agenda, the council

Approved a one-time pay raise for the town's employees. The mayor said the one-time pay raise is given at Christmas every year. The amounts approved by the council included \$50 for full-time employees and \$25 for part-time employees.

Approved a cost of living increase plus insurance for the town's employees.

Received an update from the police department concerning a grant application for a new police car. The grant was previously denied because the town did not meet all the required criteria. The grant application was resubmitted after the requirements were met, however, council members were informed Monday evening that the grant was denied again because all the funds have been used. The earliest New Brockton can apply

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State Senator Jimmy Holley (left) and Representative Terry Spicer (right) visited New Brockton on Wednesday, Nov. 29, to announce a \$50,000 grant awarded to the Town of New Brockton for the construction of two walking trails. The grant was awarded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. The grant will require \$12,500 in matching funds from the Town of New Brockton and also allows for the construction of restroom facilities along the trails. During the December meeting of the New Brockton Town Council on Monday, Dec. 3, the council member voted to approve a resolution for the construction of the walking trails and restroom facilities. New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole is pictured with the senator and representative.

Area Happenings

CRIME WATCH MEETING The Mt. Zion, Woodland Grove Community Crime Watch will meet Thursday, Dec. 6, at Woodland Grove Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. There will be a guest speaker.

CHRISTMAS IN THE FOREST The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor buggy rides through a magical "Christmas in the Forest" in the Forest Lake Subdivision on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Chamber office, The Bear Patch and Denise's Hair and Nail Salon.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 10, at 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

At this writing the Alabama Legislature is just beginning their 2001 special session prompted by a continuing Education Trust Fund funding shortfall. All the major players have pretty well staked out their respective positions and are far from singing off the same song book. That has a good side in that no one person is calling all the shots — a characteristic of a free country. Of course this freedom is often abused and this funding issue is no exception. We have heard misleading statements from both sides of the issue. Education forces are crying wolf with predicted outcomes that just will not happen. If it actually becomes a tie, Opposition forces (be they real or political) are also making misleading statements. The Lt. Governor is not wrong in being critical of the smelly contracts let to political friends in Montgomery; however to imply that actually say that this would have solved the educational funding problem is not right. This misused money was not from the educational trust fund, but the General Fund. The General Fund monies are also short and would not be available for educational relief, even if not spent on questionable buddy-buddy contracts.

Two teenagers were killed in a car wreck just East of Ft. Rucker this past weekend. Two others were injured in the same accident. We didn't know any of the children involved, nor their parents, but it hurts to read of their deaths and the possible permanent injuries of the other two. We visit many, many wreck sites in our line of work and have never gotten used to such sudden deaths when we know these folks had so much more to offer society. This is especially true when the dead or injured are young folks, especially children — and those teens are still children in our book. To think of their lives ending so soon will make even the hardest of hearts weep if we allow ourselves to dwell on the matter. We urge each and every one of our readers to be a little more careful with their driving. That also means to please ignore the rude habits and attitudes of the "S&Ss" you will surely meet on the public roads today or tomorrow. Just let them show off their limited brain power and don't try to match them stupidity for stupidity.

Progress is being made on the levee rehab project. Attorney Jeff Kelley said Tuesday that 49 property deeds have been signed and about another dozen are ready for signing. Phone calls were received last week from the Corps of Engineers offices in Mobile wanting to know the progress. They noted that Washington was asking them for status reports. Most all Elba residents want to see this stronger levee become a reality and it is a bit nice to hear the Corps folks pushing us for a change.

In other levee information, there is another positive tidbit for Elba folks. As we know the Geneva levee work is behind the Elba work design wise. Now it seems they have an added problem of being questioned on some of the plans by the environmental folks. Last week we talked with Geneva Mayor Warren Beck and he was moaning and groaning over the prospect of having to tangle with the environmental issue before they can even look at something called the "final footprint" or plan for their levee rehab work. He wanted so much to have contractors with their big equipment sitting on the Geneva levee by next March, but it just will not happen. At least Elba dodged a big bullet in not alarming the environmental folks with our levee rehab project.

A large part of the reason Elba is avoiding the environmental hassle is the fact most of the work is to be on the inside of the levee — and by design. Apparently from the standpoint of the environment, there is more potential for damage outside than on already developed inside areas. This inside work will cause more disruption to citizens, but will keep the project moving and probably at a lower overall cost, if you consider potential lawsuits over the environment and possibly having to establish "wetland areas" to replace that disturbed by the levee expansion.



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EDITORIAL

New Brockton Christmas parade a success

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Town of New Brockton held its first ever Christmas parade last Saturday evening, and I must commend the committee members, town leaders and people of New Brockton for a job well done.

The parade had approximately 60 entries, and it appeared as if everyone involved had a good time. Not only were there a great number of people involved in the parade, but the streets were filled with onlookers. Never did I expect to see so many people on hand for the parade and it was a pleasant surprise to see the streets filled with people.

In my opinion, a Christmas parade is a great way to get the people of a community excited about the holiday season, and I believe New Brockton is more than ready for the holidays.

Elba Elementary School Menu

Dec. 10 - 14, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Pear-Hall Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Salisbury Steak, Marsh Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, 1/2 Apple, Roll, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, 1/2 Orange, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Turkey Dressing, Rice, English Peas, Bread, Ice Cream, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - No Lunch - Students Dismissed at 11:20 - Merry Christmas

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 26, 2001, through December 2, 2001. They were: Margaret Hussey, Betty Spurlin, Harry Diggers, Genie Crawley, Glenda Clark, Linda Ellis, Megan Parrish, Connie Duggins, James Marshall, Ethel Johnson, Honer Largo, Patsy Vannoy & Willie Chason, Mildred Kelsey, Tiffany Martin, Cady Johnson and James Fuller.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Charlotte Blackmon, Harry Diggers, Margaret Hussey, Anne Mack, Maurine Sexton, Glenda Jackson, Linda Ellis, Betty Spurlin, Patricia Clark, Mildred Kelsey, James Marshall, Tiffany Martin and Patsy Vannoy.

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- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Monday following city council meeting 6:30 Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP every Monday, 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- ELIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office
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- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 26, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, two for harassment, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, two for theft of property, one criminal mischief, one manufacturing of a controlled substance, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, one assault, one possession of a forged instrument, one criminal trespass, one hit and run, one D.U.I. and one possession of a controlled substance.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
River stage - 7:57 feet (7:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the County Jail (7:28 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a 4-wheeler wreck on County Rd. 439 (3:56 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
River stage - 7:28 feet (6:19 a.m.) Routine activity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It is at this time of the year we stop to be thankful for life and all its pleasures. Making things come together for the good takes effort from sometimes several people. We want to thank all the employees that participated in assembling our Buster Brown float, a special thanks to those that dressed the part of Buster, Tige, Grammy, and the Buster kids. Most of all thanks to Van McCall and Dwight Grantham for transporting the float, putting it together and taking it apart numerous times. We had a little outside help from Windham Lumber Co. for loaning us their heavy-duty red wagon and tricycle and are truly grateful to them.

Dear Editor,

We want to take this moment to thank all parade participants and attendees for sharing such a dream come true festival in New Brockton (Christmas on

Main, Dec. 1st). Special thanks to the newspapers, Elba Chamber of Commerce, radio announcers and to those not known by name. We thank you for whatever role you exhibited in making the first ever Christmas parade a success.

We are looking forward for a bigger and better one next year. Again, thank you for your support!

Mayord Charles Cole
Barbara Herron, parade committee chairperson
Cal Howard, co-chairperson

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mittee handling the negotiations, could get his concerns taken care of and entered into the final draft of the contract. After receiving a second, the amended motion was passed with all commissioners voting in favor except Commissioner Linda Westbrook who abstained and Commissioner Kayo Lewis who was not present for the meeting.

After passing the amended motion, the commission then returned to the original motion. It was then passed, including the amendment, with commissioners Stephens, Thompson, Grimsley, Dalrymple and Bernice Brooks voting in favor. Commissioner Westbrook cast the only opposing vote.

Before entering the recess until Wednesday, Dec. 5, Grimsley opened the Tuesday afternoon meeting for comments from the several county citizens in attendance.

"The people of Coffee County were not aware that y'all were going to sit this thing," said county resident Mack Westbrook.

With that said, Westbrook said the citizens have several concerns in regards to the possible sale of the landfill which

include: the area of pickup; people on fixed incomes, the type of garbage that will be brought to the landfill once it is sold and maintaining the landfill. He also mentioned a promise that was made by the commission to the citizens of the county at the time the landfill was built to never sell the landfill.

"This landfill was built to benefit the people of Coffee County and I don't think that is what's happening," Westbrook said. He said the citizens are concerned that the sale of the landfill will mean higher rates for garbage pickup, as well as, more garbage coming in which will lead to the landfill being filled more quickly.

What Armstrong, a financial advisor who has been working with the county engineer, county attorney and Mark Pugh in regards to the best alternative for the county concerning the landfill, said the contract with WCA indicates that the price of disposal at the landfill will go up only with the Consumer Price Index

(CPI). He said the negotiations between the county and WCA in regards to the sale of the landfill only concerns disposal of garbage not the pick-up, which is currently handled by Mark Dunning Industries of Dothan (MDI).

Armstrong explained by saying that where as MDI currently pays Coffee County for the disposal services of garbage at the county landfill, if the county sells the landfill to WCA, then MDI or whoever has the county's garbage pickup contract in the future will pay WCA for the disposal services.

"I don't think the people of Coffee County are willing to sell the landfill and I think you are going to hear about it," Mr. Westbrook said.

Before the meeting was recessed until Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m., Commissioner Stephens said the landfill has paid for itself and to the best of his knowledge there has never been a dollar of taxpayers' money used in the landfill.

Card of Thanks

Dear Ferrin,
Carolyn has been through three major surgeries in the last four years. Through numerous answered prayers of many Christian friends, we have felt God's presence, his peace, and comfort during these times.

We are humbled by the calls, visits, cards, flowers and food that these Christian friends have responded with. We live in a great community and sometimes we take things for granted.

We want to thank each one for the ministry they have provided. May God continue to bless them and their families. It is our prayer for those that don't know the joy, peace, and comfort that God can bring into their lives, will accept Jesus as their savior.

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Obituaries

LIZZIE MAE POPE

Mrs. Lizzie Mae Pope, age 90, of Elba, died Nov. 27, 2001 in Dothan, Ala. Funeral services were held Nov. 30, 2001 at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel in Troy with Elder Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed at Antioch Baptist Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Louise Williams, Montgomery, Ala.; Marie Hayden, Jacksonville, Ark.; Dorothy Cherry, Albany, Ga.; four sons: Preston Pope, Dawson, Ga.; Billy Wayne Pope, Cataula, Ga.; Roland Pope Jr., Marklesburg, Pa.; Fred Lee Pope, Glenwood, Ala.; 26 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and several great great-grandchildren.

DOUGLAS WILSON ARMSTRONG
Mr. Douglas W. Wilson Armstrong, age 54, of Private Road 1307 Highway 87 N., Elba, died Nov. 30, 2001 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Funeral services were held Dec. 1, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler & Rev. Talmadge Butler officiating. Burial followed in the Beavertown Church Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Armstrong was preceded in death by his father, Winston A. Armstrong, and a sister, Allie Gwen Armstrong.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Armstrong, Elba; his mother, Lucille Armstrong, Elba; one son, Chris Armstrong, Elba; one sister, Shirley Lee, Sam Houston, three brothers: Randolph Armstrong, Elba; Woody Armstrong, Andalusia, Gary Armstrong, Crestview, Fla.

COLLIS BELCHER

Mr. Collis Belcher, age 74, of Louisville, Ala. died Nov.

26, 2001 at Dale County Medical Center in Ozark, Ala. Funeral services were held Dec. 1, 2001 at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Louisville, Ala. with Rev. Timothy Holmes and Rev. Henry R. Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church Cemetery with Central Funeral Services of Louisville directing.

Mr. Belcher was preceded in death by two brothers, Grover Belcher and William Belcher and two sisters, Vera Mae Tillis and Josephine Hart.

Survivors include nine children: Ester Lee Jackson (Johnny), Albany, Ga.; Charles Lee Belcher (Juanita), Ben David Belcher (Elaine), Isom Belcher (Bobbie), all of Louisville, Ala.; Leroy Belcher (Odessa), Clayton, Ala.; James Arthur Belcher (Denessa), Ozark, Ala.; Annie Margaret Belcher (Darrell), Sammie Davis Belcher (Geraldine), all of Louisville, Ala.; Gwendolyn Shipman, Groveland, Fla.; two brothers: Wallace Belcher (Mattie), Elba; Jackie Belcher (Geraldine), all of Louisville, Ala.; Inez Long, Glenwood, Ala.; Gussie Nell Hart (Henry), Groveland, Fla.; Mary Jean Stephens, Ohio; 33 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; four sisters-in-law: Erna Belcher, Elba; Lorine

McLendon, Mary McCray, Mattie Mae McCray, all of Louisville, Ala.; two daughters-in-law: Dorothy Belcher and Wanda Belcher; special friend, Pearl Daniels; and many other relatives.

LOUVENIA ROWE

Mrs. Louvenia Rowe, age 97, died November 28, 2001. Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 2001 at New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. in Elba with Pastor LoEarl Flowers officiating. Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directed the burial services.

Mrs. Rowe was preceded in death by her husband, Roy David Rowe; her parents, Ben and Eley Burrows; and one grandson.

Survivors include one daughter, Vera Mae Brown; one son, Willie Clarence Rowe, Harrisburg, Pa.; one son-in-law, Cleveland Brown; one daughter-in-law, Florence Rowe; several grandchildren and great great-grandchildren.

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Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Kimberly Farris

This week's faculty spotlight focuses on Mr. Jeff Ellis. Mr. Ellis is a graduate of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Alabama. He later attended Troy State University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and a Master of Science in music education. Mr. Ellis taught at Red Level High School for one year before coming to Elba. This is his 9th year as band director at Elba High School.

Dr. John M. Long inspired Mr. Ellis to become a teacher. Mr. Ellis views Dr. Long as the greatest band director he's ever met and speaks of him often to his students.

Mr. Ellis' hobbies include playing with his sons Drew,



Jeff Ellis

Taylor and Christopher. He also enjoys reading and fishing.

When asked to tell something notable about himself, Mr. Ellis said, "I became a Christian at age 32 and was baptized at 34."

If Mr. Ellis could no longer teach, he would want to be an astronaut.

EHS gears up for basketball season

by Hunter Branch

The Elba High School Varsity Tigers tipped off the new season in Georgiana on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The players and coaches are very excited about the season.

After finishing his first year with a winning season, Coach Karl Bledsoe has high expectations for this year. Despite all of the talk last year about a losing season, Coach Bledsoe led the Varsity Tigers to a season of 12 wins and 11 losses. Although not characteristic of records in the past, the Tigers overcame a lot of adversity.

John Mitchell will lead the Tigers as he returns from his all star season last year after being voted on the Wiregrass super twelve team.

Coach Leroy Canby will lead his girls into battle after a disappointing loss to Montgomery Academy in the sub-state tournament. Coach Canby will try to improve his girls and beat last year's amazing record of 21 wins and six losses. The Lady Tigers only lost one player off of last year's squad and have high expectations this season.

Good luck to the Varsity Tigers and have a great year on the courts.

EHS automotive program receives national certification

Submitted by Donald Lawford

Danny Weeks, superintendent of Elba City Schools, is announcing that the automotive training program at Elba High School recently received certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

"During the past several months we have worked closely with NATEF to make certain that our program would meet strict industry standards," said Weeks. "Now we are delighted to join the ranks of ASE certified technician training programs. Students will be assured of a quality education, and shop owners will be assured of getting quality job applicants. We would also like to express our appreciation to Mr. Larry Goodson, automotive technology instructor, for his diligent efforts and hard work for achieving this goal."

In order to achieve this coveted recognition, the training program underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities and equipment were used. Upon completion of the evaluation,

NATEF recommended that Elba High School be certified by ASE, a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians in addition to certifying technician training programs.

Certification has been awarded in the following program areas: brakes, steering and suspension, electronic systems.

NATEF Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Roy Peters Jr. states, "This is great news for the automotive-minded young people and their parents in the Elba area. Certification of automotive training programs increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders. As a result, the motoring public will benefit since more qualified repair technicians will join the work force."

The program is now certified for a period of five years, after which it will be reviewed to ensure that it continues to meet industry standards and to adjust to the latest technological advances in the rapidly changing automotive world.

For more information, contact Larry Goodson at 897-2266.



From left: Mike Williams, Larry Goodson, Donald Lawford and Danny Weeks

Co-Op Spotlight

by Charlie Barlow



Katie Crowe

This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Katie Crowe.

Katie is an 18-year-old senior at Elba High School. Katie is the daughter of Dale and Nancy Crowe. She is a secretary/assistant for Terry Spicer. She answers the phone and runs errands.

Katie is a member of the EHS Danceline, Mu Alpha Theta, Sr. Beta and VICA. After graduation, Katie plans on attending Troy State and majoring in elementary education.

The Tigers fought the Tarrant Wildcats on even terms throughout the first half and went into

EES Student Council sponsors food drive

by Katie Grimes

Each year during the Thanksgiving season, the Elba Elementary Student Council sponsors a canned food drive. EES is a small school with a big heart. The students know that this food will be used to help provide an abundant Thanksgiving for people who might otherwise go hungry.

The student council offers a \$100 bonus for the classroom that brings in the most cans. This year's winner is Mrs. Nancy Crowe's 6th grade homeroom with a total of 275 cans. In a show of tremendous generosity, Mrs. Crowe's class voted to give the \$100 prize to the Human Resources Development Corporation.

Ms. Waddell's 4th grade class



pulled a good second with 202 cans. The total number of cans collected was 1,264.

We are very proud of our students and hope their efforts will inspire other to share during this wonderful season of thanks.

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Francie English

This week's EES Spotlight is shining on Nancy Crowe who teaches 6th grade language and spelling.

Mrs. Crowe attended high school at Escambia County High School in Atmore, Alabama. She later attended Troy State University.

Mrs. Crowe has worked for the Elba City School System for a total of 30 years, spending one year teaching first grade and the remainder of her career teaching sixth grade.



Nancy Crowe

Mrs. Crowe is married to Dale Crowe. They have four daughters, along with two sons-in-law: Leah and Todd Killingsworth, Emily and Erick Pennington, Laura Crowe and Katie Crowe.

Mrs. Crowe's hobbies include reading and making crafts. If she could no longer be a teacher, Mrs. Crowe would like to become a bridal consultant.

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Students of the Month



Adam Motz

This month's Jr. High Student of the Month is Adam Motz. Adam, a freshman, was nominated by Coach Grimes for showing excellent work in the classroom. Coach Grimes said that Adam is "eager to learn and is a joy to teach."

Adam not only succeeds in the classroom, but excels in extracurricular activities as well. The Sr. High Student of the Month is sophomore Christy Eubanks. Christy was nominated by Mrs. Bailey because of her excellent manners and consistency in maintaining high grades. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday - Hamburger, Hotdog, Lettuce, Tomato Slice, Baked Beans, Dill Pickles, Breaded Okra, Fruit, Milk

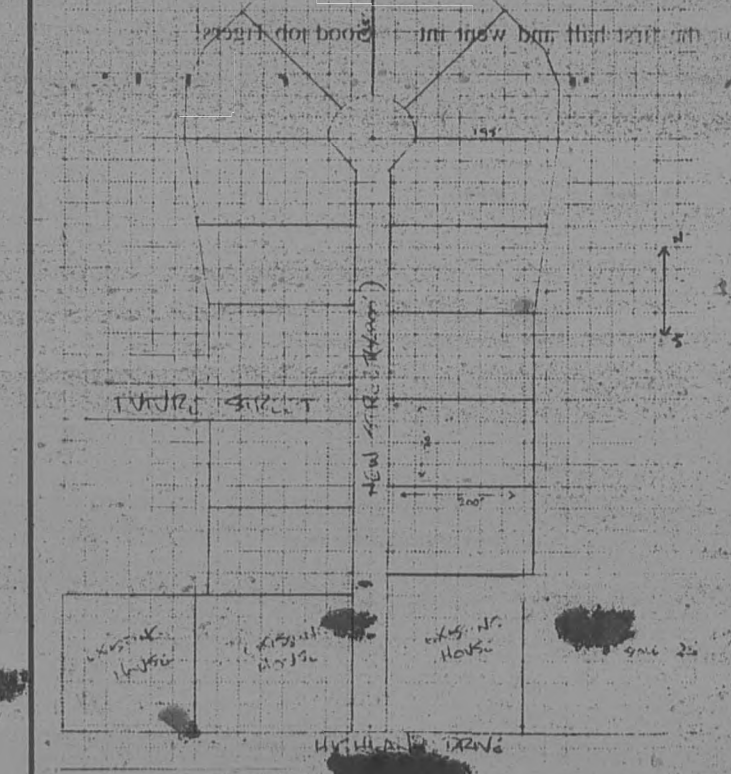
Thursday - Baked Ham or Turkey, Cressing Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potato Casserole, Turnips, Fruit, Roll, Dessert-Manager's Choice, Milk

Friday - Pepperoni Pizza, Hoagie Sandwich, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit, Cookie, Milk

LEGAL NOTICE

The Elba Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2001, at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, at 5:30 p.m. to hear a request from Mrs. James R. Martin. The request is to subdivide and open a new street into, property she owns North of and just off Highland Drive into residential lots. The property is already zoned R-1 and this designation is expected to remain the same. A detailed legal description of the property under consideration is available at Elba City Hall.

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Christmas Concert to be held at the Episcopal Church of The Epiphany

The Episcopal Church of The Epiphany presents a two-part Christmas concert. Camille Saint-Saens' Christmas Oratorio and A Trumpeter's Holiday. The second in the Raymond Pappas Memorial Concert Series, this concert offers a variety of music that celebrates the holiday season.

The Christmas Oratorio is sung by a community chorus and features Dr. Richard Snyder, Enterprise State Junior College faculty; Patrick Hale and Greg Markwell, Montgomery Choral; Faye Sheffer, Fort Rucker Community Chorus; and Nancy Totman, of Epiphany. Nancy Totman directs the presentation and Dr. Jean Eymann, Enterprise State Junior College faculty, will accompany.

A Trumpeter's Holiday features a gifted trumpet player, Alex Dvorak, guest artist from Czechoslovakia, who is now a member of the Silver Wings 98th Army Band.

The performance will be December 13, 2001, at 7:00 PM in the Episcopal Church of The Epiphany, 302 East Grubbs Ave.

Enterprise, AL. A reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the concert. Tickets are available at the church office (347-8210) and at David's Westgate Beauty Salon (406-1617). Tickets are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door.

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2001 Mini Miss...Maisie Thomas, runner-up; Cortlin Lee, runner-up; Lindsay McClung, 2001 Mini Miss Christmas; and Autumn Sasser, runner-up.



2001 Tiny Tot Miss...Alex Dawson, runner-up; Madelyn Kelley, 2001 Tiny Tot Miss Christmas; Kinley Parker, runner-up; and Angel Victoria Flowers, runner-up.



2001 Little Miss...Brinley Williams, runner-up; Megan Concannon, runner-up; Paige Gibson, 2001 Little Miss Christmas; and Cassandra Nelson, runner-up.



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Winners and runners-up were announced in seven different categories. The categories included: Baby Tot, Tiny Tot, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Mini Miss, Junior Miss and Miss.

All winners and participants in the pageants were invited to ride the Chamber of Commerce float during the annual Elba Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The Christmas pageants are one of the many events held in Elba during the holiday season. The Elba Chamber of Commerce also invites all to join them for 'Christmas in the Forest' on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m.

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2001 Miss Christmas Paige Parker & Erin Marler, runner-up.

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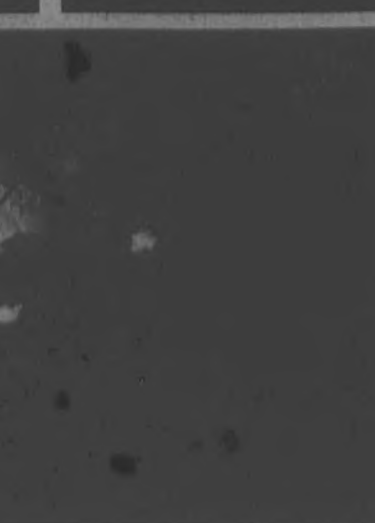
The Zion Chapel High School
Band, under the baton of con-
ductor Mr. Michael Bird, will be
performing their annual
Christmas Concert Sunday,
December 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the
school auditorium.

The featured groups are the
Beginning Band and the high
school Concert Band.

Musical selections include not
only the traditional Christmas
favorites but a few patriotic
tunes as well. Refreshments and
light hors d'oeuvres will be
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Elba holds annual Christmas Festival and Parade



SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Well, the Mularz family has almost finished decorating for the holidays, and so far Dad has some how managed to let the girls do ninety-nine percent of the work. I did help bring in a few boxes from the garage, but the girls put up the tree and did all the lights and decorations. Oh yeah, we did get an artificial tree. However, I will admit it looks very pretty.

PASSING IT ALONG...

*** The Elba Tigers evened their record at 1-1 Friday night with a big win over Straughn, and in the win the Tigers' John Mitchell showed his power inside as he scored 26 points in the first half and finished the game with 30 points and 13 rebounds. Marcus Henderson nailed three long three-pointers to aid the offensive output, and it looks like the Tigers will have a solid 1-2 punch on offense that can produce from in close and outside the arc. Elba did look sloppy at times on both ends once the outcome of the game was decided. However, the Tigers do appear to have a very talented team and should only get better and better as the season rolls along.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers are off to 2-0 start on the young season and have two of the best young guards around in junior Lagina Mack and sophomore Ayonna Proctor. Mack scored 24 points in the Lady Tigers' win over Straughn and did a solid job running the offense, while Proctor leads Elba on its fast-breaks and has a deadly outside jumper. With these two young ladies leading the way, the Lady Tigers could be headed for another big season.

*** The rest of the area also looks pretty solid in basketball, with Kinston possibly being the top county squad. The Bulldogs posted a big win over county rival New Brockton on Friday night and have ten players that can get up and down the court, while the Gamecocks are better than their record might make one think and will get their share of wins down the line. Zion Chapel has yet to win and will find the wins hard to find, but the Rebels do have a lot of pride and will no doubt improve very quickly. As far as the girls go, there can be no doubt that the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks are the team to beat. The Lady Gamecocks have raced out to a 5-1 record, and may have the top player in South Alabama in Rena Donaldson. Donaldson hit seven three-pointers in a 32-point effort against Kinston, and followed it up with a 29-point outing in a win over 6A Enterprise. Kinston and Zion Chapel have yet to win, but the Lady Bulldogs are vastly improved and are still getting better every day, while the Lady Rebels are still in the growing stages and will need to forget about the scoreboard. Hey, it looks like an exciting season for Coffee County basketball fans!

*** The state football playoffs have reached the "Super Six" in Birmingham, and this week will see six state champions crowned over a three day period as all the title games will take place at Legion Field. The matchups in 4A-5A-6A are classic with the six teams having a combined record of 82-23, while in the smaller schools Tarant will travel just across town with its title hopes and Leroy will try to bring a crown back home in 2A. Two neighbors will meet in 1A when Nottasulga and Reeltown clash, and all in all it looks like an outstanding week of high school football. Too bad the games will not be played in Birmingham at the aged Legion Field.

*** I watched Auburn play Saturday night and have to say that the Tigers look like a very average college football team. The Tigers were on a roll after their wins over Florida and Georgia and appeared to be a real threat to win the SEC, but they have struggled in their most recent two losses and now appear to simply be playing out the season. What happened to the Auburn spirit?

*** In closing...I talked with Elba High principal Mike Williams last week and he stated that the football season was a success both on the field and financially, and said that the biggest game of the season was the preseason matchup between Elba and Zion Chapel. There is no doubt the preseason game was exciting for the Elba fans and players, and it is good to know it also helped make the season a financial success.

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Elba Tigers smash Straughn 67-48

The Elba Tigers grabbed their first win of the young season Friday night with a big 67-48 romp past the Straughn Tigers, in Straughn.

The win evened the Tigers' record at 1-1, while Straughn slipped to 1-2 with the loss.

The Tigers came out ready to play and stunned Straughn by jumping out to a quick 12-0 advantage. John Mitchell scored six points and Tim Andrews added three as Elba pounded the ball inside for easy baskets, while the Tigers' lead went to 12-0 on a three-pointer from deep in the corner by Marcus Henderson.

Mitchell, a 6-3 senior, scored the Tigers final six points of the quarter as their lead grew to 18-4, and Henderson, a junior, drilled a back-to-back three-pointers early in the second stanza as Elba took command with a 26-9 lead with 6:28 left in the half.

Elba began to get in foul trouble late in the half. However, Mitchell continued to dominate play inside and gave the Tigers their biggest lead of the half at 42-20 on a short jumper with 48 remaining.

The Tigers opened the second half determined to put an end to any thoughts of a Straughn comeback, and they did just that as the Tigers reeled off eight unanswered points to take a 50-23 lead with 4:20 left in the stanza.

Elba took its biggest lead of the game at 54-25 with 2:28 left in the quarter on an inside bucket by John Mitchell, and then emptied the bench as the Elba reserves got valuable experience.

Straughn slowly chopped their way at the Elba lead throughout the fourth quarter, but Straughn still trailed 67-44 with 1:18 remaining after a lay-up by Derrick Brooks, and never got any closer than the final score as Elba easily held on to post the impressive 67-48 road win.

John Mitchell scored 30 points, including 26 in the first half, to lead Elba, while Marcus Henderson added 14. Josh Coleman led Straughn with 14 points.

EL 18 24 14 11 - 67
ST 7 16 6 19 - 48

Elba (67): Mitchell 30, English 2, Barnes 2, Wade 4, Andrews 6, Henderson 14, Brooks 5, Coleman 4.

Straughn (48): Hunt 5, Hascock 7, Coleman 14, Garrett 2, Parker 5, Smith 3, Bond 7, Fowler 5.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team Tigers suffered their first loss of the season with a 31-30 loss to Straughn. The Tigers trailed 11-4 after one quarter and were behind 21-13 heading into the final stanza, but rallied to tie even at 30-30 late, only to see Straughn hit a free-throw to pull out the 31-30 win.

Quinton Gavin scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Quinton Robinson added 9.

Straughn (31): Driver 10, Bass 5, Kinsaul 8, Hataway 4, Morley 4.

Elba (30): Skinner 5, Curran 3, Gavin 11, Allen 2, Robinson 9.

Tigers upset in opener by Georgiana 53-44

The Elba Tigers opened the basketball season last Tuesday night at Georgiana and couldn't find the basket from the floor or the free-throw line as they fell to the Georgiana Panthers 53-44.

The loss gave the Tigers an early 0-1 record, while Georgiana improved to 4-0 with the win.

The Tigers came out cold in the opening stanza and trailed 13-6 after one quarter of play, and got only a little warmer shooting over the next two quarters as Georgiana carried a 39-27 advantage into the fourth quarter. Marcus Henderson drilled two long three-pointers and Kyle English added one trey in the final stanza as the Tigers tried to rally. However, it was too late, too late, as the Tigers dropped their season opener 53-44 to the Panthers.

Marcus Henderson scored 15 points and John Mitchell added 10 to lead Elba, while Terrence Lewis scored 18 to lead Georgiana.

G 13 14 12 14 - 53
E 6 11 10 17 - 44

Georgiana (53): L. Johnson 11, Lee 2, Lewis 18, Smith 1, M. Johnson 10, Presley 10, Mayes 1.

Elba (44): English 8, Andrews 7, Henderson 15, Brooks 9, Coleman 2, Mitchell 10.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team Tigers opened their season with a win as they staged a furious second half rally to down Georgiana 30-19. The Tigers trailed 4-3 after one quarter and led only 10-8 at the half, but outscored the Panthers 15-6 in the third quarter to take command and roll to the big 30-19 win.

Quinton Robinson scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Justin Allen added 7.

Elba (30): Skinner 3, Curran 2, Gavin 6, Allen 7, Robinson 12.

Georgiana (19): Pigler 4, Presley 4, Burleson 4, Bozeman 2, Nelson 1, Rudolph 2, Webb 2.

Troy State sets dates for camps

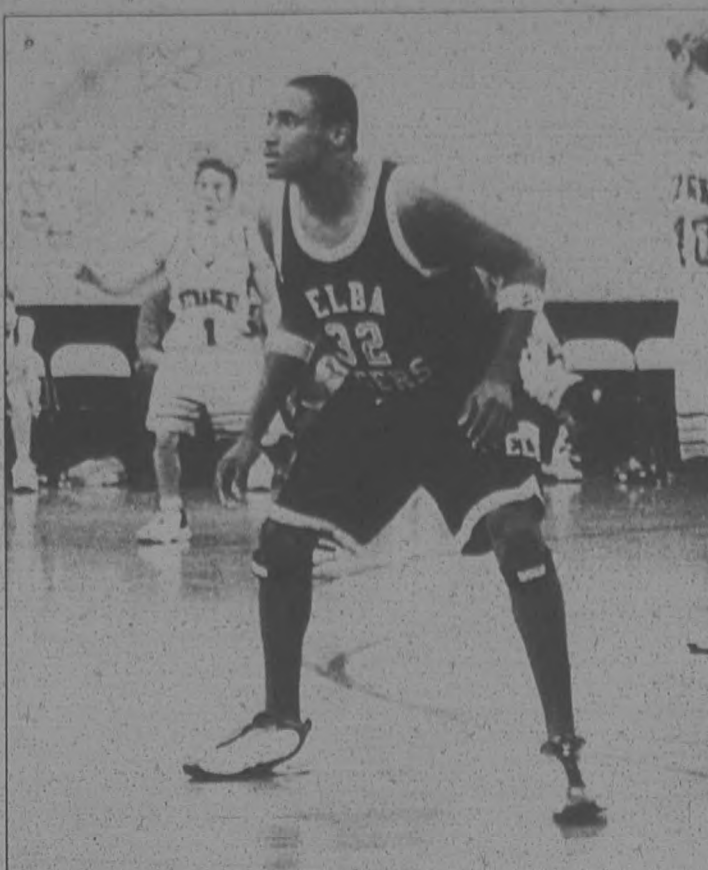
The Troy State University baseball program will hold two weekend baseball camps during the Christmas holidays. The dates are December 8 - hitting camp and December 9 - pitcher/catcher camp, and December 15 - hitting camp and December 16 - pitcher-catcher camp. Both camps will be held at Troy State. The ages for the camps are 8-18, and for more information call 670-3333.

Campers will be expected to bring their own gloves and bats.

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Elba's Marcus Henderson (32) keeps an eye on a Straughn ball handler in the Tigers big 67-48 win Friday night in Straughn. Henderson has scored a total of 29 points and has connected on five three-pointers in Elba's opening two games of the season.

High School Basketball Briefs

New Brockton ambushed by H.A. Raiders 53-44

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the Houston Academy Raiders last week with their record slip to 1-4 as the Raiders rallied to post a 53-44 win. The Gamecocks led 9-4 early and appeared ready to pull off the upset. However, the Raiders regained the lead before the end of the half at 11-9 and then slowly pulled away to claim the win.

Justin Edwards scored 21 points and Daniel Roberts added 7, while Matt McNitt led Houston Academy with 19 points.

Lady Gamecocks roll past Houston Academy 64-41

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks upped their record to 4-1 last Tuesday night with a big 64-41 win over the Lady Raiders from Houston Academy. Rena Donaldson scored 21 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Tiffany Smith scored 15 points and Kendra Cole added 14 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

Kinston Bulldogs caged by Samson Tigers 58-53

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a big early lead vanish under a furious Samson rally last Tuesday night as the Tigers pulled out the win 58-53. In Kinston, Jeremy Driver scored 14 points and Lee Whigham added 12 for the (1-2) Bulldogs, while Jamie Davis scored 19 points to lead (2-1) Samson.

Zion Chapel tripped up by G.W. Long 81-37

"The Zion Chapel Rebels remained winless on the young season Friday night as they were defeated by the G.W. Long Rebels 81-37. John Edmondson led Zion Chapel with 10 points, while Fred Grubbs led five G.W. Long players in double figures with 48 points.

Z.C. Lady Rebels fall to G.W. Long 66-36

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels traveled to Skipperville Friday night and suffered a 66-36 loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. Ashley Wright scored 16 points and Shannon Newman added 15 to lead G.W. Long.

N.B. Lady Gamecocks pound Enterprise 60-49

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Kinston's Bridget Marlowe scored early in the fourth quarter as the Lady Bulldogs cut the lead to 53-29. However, the Lady Gamecocks scored the game's next 14 points and opened up a whopping 67-29 advantage with 4:23 left in the

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SPORTS

Late surge lifts Bulldogs

Kinston bops 'Brockton 56-41

The Kinston Bulldogs pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to down the New Brockton Gamecocks 56-41, Friday night in New Brockton.

The win evened the Bulldogs' record at 2-2, while the Gamecocks slipped to 1-5 with the loss.

Kinston came out on fire against its cross-county rivals and rode the hot shooting of Lee Whigham to grab a 13-1 lead with 2:37 left in the opening stanza. Whigham gave the Bulldogs an early 2-0 lead on a driving lay-up, upped the lead to 7-1 on a three-pointer and then hit four of five free-throws as Kinston appeared ready to blow the Gamecocks out of the gym.

Kinston took its biggest lead of the stanza at 16-2 with 1:44 left on a three-pointer by Jammie Lunsford, but New Brockton settled down late in the quarter and led by Daniel Roberts scored the final six points of the quarter to cut the Bulldog lead to 16-8.

Kinston rallied midway through the second quarter and opened up a 24-12 lead with 3:53 remaining on a short jumper by Jammie Lunsford, while the two county rivals swapped baskets for the remainder of the half as the visiting Bulldogs went in at intermission with a 30-18 advantage.

The Gamecocks came out determined to get back in the game as the second half opened and used six straight points by Justin Edwards to pull within 30-22 with 6:14 left in the stanza. A jumper by Joseph Sawyer got the Gamecocks within 31-26 with 3:57 remaining, and when Lamorris Smith nailed a long three-pointer with 1:29 left in the quarter, New Brockton was very much alive as the Gamecocks had chopped the Kinston lead down to 35-31.

New Brockton pulled within 39-26 with 6:48 left in the fourth quarter on a basket by Eric Williams. However, Kinston picked up its intensity on both ends of the court and went on an 8-0 run to open up a 47-36 lead with 1:40 remaining.

Lagina Mack scored 24 points to lead Elba, while Ayonna Proctor added 9. Ashley Turner scored 11 to lead Straughn.

Elba (47): Bludsworth 6, Mack 24, Proctor 9, Ware 6, Lawford 2.

Straughn (33): Nall 5, Turner 11, Cochran 2, Sasser 3, R. Cochran 7, Nall 5.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will hold its annual "Super Six" high school football championships this week at Legion Field, in Birmingham.

Following is the schedule for this year's championship games:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
Class 1A
3:00 - Nottasulga (10-3) vs. Reeltown (13-1)

Class 4A
7:00 - UMS-Wright (14-0) vs. Cleburne County (14-0)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
Class 2A
3:00 - Gordo (12-2) vs. Leroy (14-0)

Class 5A
Homewood (14-0) vs. Benjamin Russell (12-2)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
Class 3A
12:00 - Hokes Bluff (12-2) vs. Tarrant (14-0)

Class 6A
Hoover (14-0) vs. Daphne (14-0)

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Elba Lady Tiger Lagina Mack (in black) prepares to drive past a Straughn defender in Friday night's big 47-33 win. Mack scored 24 points as the Lady Tigers improved their record to 2-0 on the season.

Lady Tigers are off to 2-0 start after wins over Georgiana and Straughn

The Elba Lady Tigers opened their season last week with a pair of road games and posted two exciting wins to push their record to 2-0 on the young season.

The Lady Tigers opened the season on Tuesday night in Georgiana and escaped with a 32-30 win, then traveled to Straughn on Friday night and brought home a big 47-33 victory.

Following are highlights of both wins:

ELBA 32
GEORGIANA 30

The Elba Lady Tigers rallied in the fourth quarter to pull ahead and then held on late to escape with a 32-30 win over the Georgiana Lady Panthers, in Georgiana.

Elba got off to a slow start in its season opener and trailed 13-4 after one quarter, but began to settle down in the second stanza and by the end of the half had chopped the Georgiana lead to 20-14. A three-pointer by Lagina Mack helped the Lady Tigers pull within 24-19 by the end of the third quarter, and Ayonna Proctor sparked a late Lady Tiger rally as Elba pulled out the exciting 32-30 win.

Donaldson hits seven three-pointers

Lady Gamecocks bury Kinston 71-34

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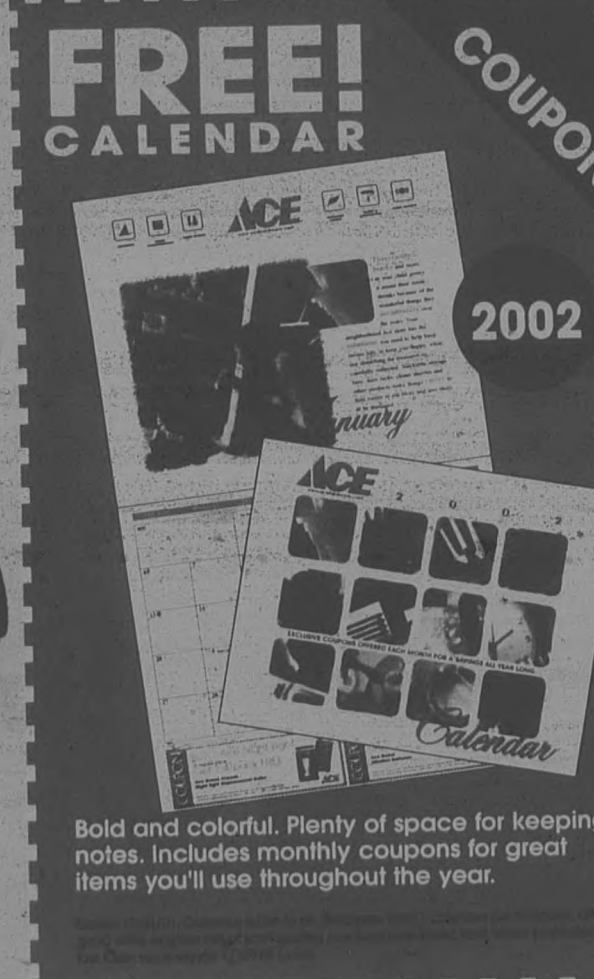
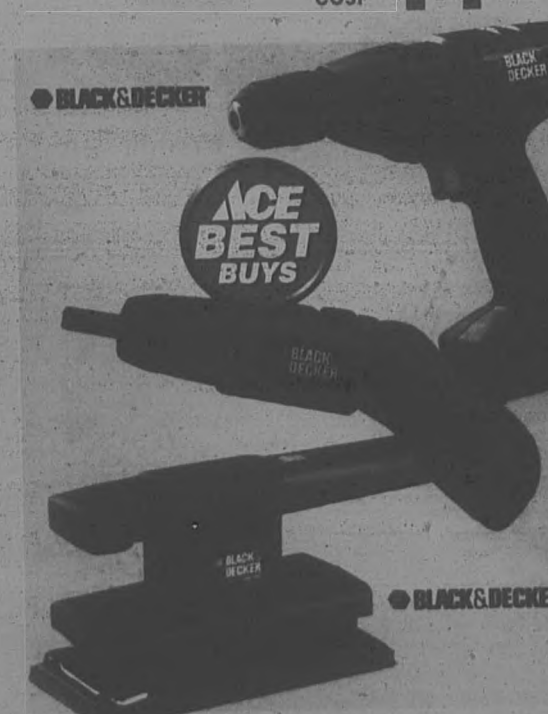


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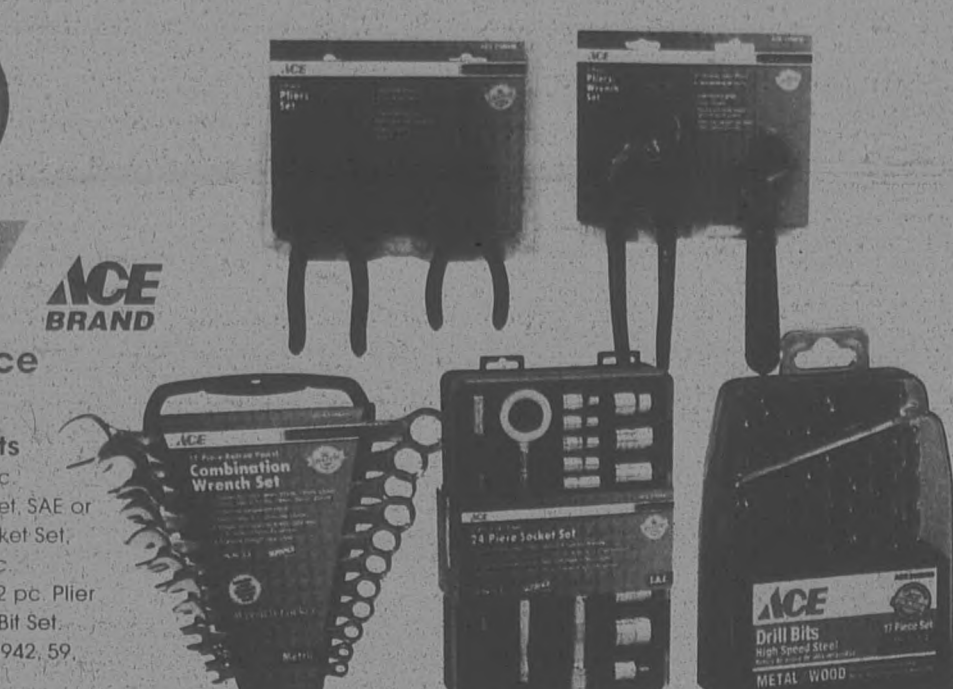


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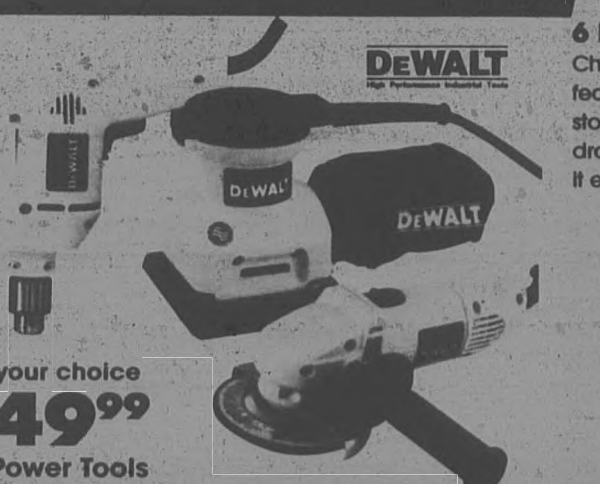
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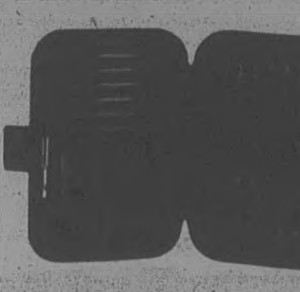
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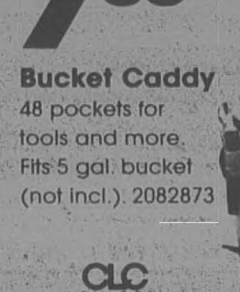
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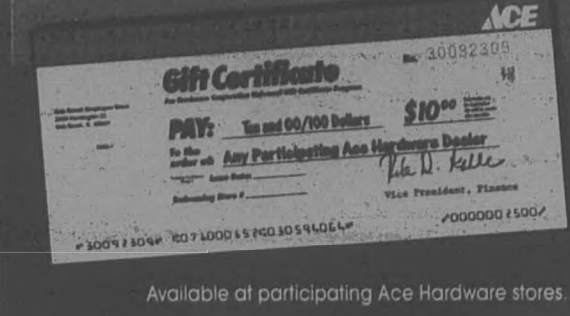
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Governor Siegelman visits Elba for Dorsey opening announcement

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

It was a festive occasion Monday morning, Dec. 10, as the management of Dorsey Trailers played host to the public as they officially opened the local plant for business. On hand to assist CEO Chris Street and other company executives with the official duties were Alabama Governor Don Siegelman, State Senator Lucy Baxley, State Senator Jimmy Holley, State Representative Terry Spicer, Elba Mayor James Grimes and a number of other state, county and local officials.

The Elba High School band provided music for the occasion and several bus loads of school students from throughout the county were on hand for the speeches and the ribbon cutting ceremonies. Siegelman noted in his address to the crowd that the children "are what it is all about."

The Governor said, "Today is

an exciting day for Elba and an exciting day for Alabama. Economic development in rural Alabama is just as important as economic development in our large cities. New industries locating here have gotten the word that Alabama is simply a great place to do business."

Street recalled his first days in Elba, the warm reception he and his executives received from people they didn't know, and the positive reactions from state and local officials. He admitted to an inherent alarm when a politician asks "How can we help," but he has discovered to his astonishment that in Alabama it actually means they want to help.

The Dorsey CEO had praise first for the cooperation he got from the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Board and from Elba city officials. He continued with praise for Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and every state agency his company has had contact

with during the purchase and opening of the Elba trailer plant. He commended Governor Siegelman for his personal interest in getting the plant operational again. Street noted that State Treasurer Lucy Baxley and her staff worked to ease the workload and assist the company through the maze of necessary paperwork.

Not stopping there, Street pointed out the high quality of the workers in Alabama. He said he had heard that from so many people when he first became interested in purchasing the bankrupt facility and has come to know it first hand in his short time in the Elba community.

Holley expressed thanks to Street and said, "We stand behind you, not only at the beginning but ongoing."

Baxley, a native of Ashford, expressed admiration for the quality of the work force in the

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Governor Don Siegelman congratulates Dorsey CEO Chris Street on his company's progress.

Elba City Council moves forward with airport project and subdivision plat approval

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council wound up its December meetings in one night Monday when Mayor James Grimes broke the business into two sessions to clear the slate for the Christmas holidays.

Chief R. W. Whitworth announced that Investigator Dalton Francis has turned in his

resignation and will accept a state position with the Department of Forensics in early January.

The council passed a required resolution in the ongoing efforts to get a grant to do a study of the "local airport." This study is necessary to get major federal funding for needed repairs and expansion of the local airport.

Monthly bills totaling

\$13,776.55 were approved for payment.

In the second meeting the council accepted the recommendation of the Zoning Board and approved a subdivision plat for land North of Highland Drive.

City Clerk Wylie Grantham reported progress on the drainage project in New Town and paving on Gibson Street.

During regular bimonthly meeting of Coffee County Commission

Second vote on sale of landfill receives same reaction by commissioners

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met for its regular bimonthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 10, and again found the landfill issue to be a top priority of the meeting.

During a meeting held just five days earlier on Wednesday, Dec. 5, the commission split its vote concerning the sale of the

landfill to Waste Corporation of America, Inc. (WCA). Due to the tie vote during that meeting, no action was taken in regards to the sale of the landfill.

However, the commission found the issue to still be atop many minds during Monday morning meeting as representatives from WCA addressed the members.

Tom Fatjo Jr., chairman of WCA, was the first to speak to commissioners concerning his company's interest in attaining the Coffee County Landfill.

"I have to tell you that Coffee County has one of the best landfills I have ever seen," Fatjo said.

However, he said the concern of the landfill is whether it can remain profitable with direct competition - not whether the

county can build a good landfill and manage it well.

Fatjo said his interest in the Coffee County

Landfill began after a phone call was made indicating that the Coffee County

Commission was weighing its options concerning the landfill since the private owned company of BFI was opening a landfill in Brundidge.

He gave commissioners a brief history by saying he went into the waste business in 1966 and has built his business by responding to the needs of a community during the time

of emergency. He said WCA is a financially strong company.

"Today is the day for a public-private partnership," said Fatjo.

His remarks were backed by Crum Foshie, director of corporate affairs for WCA, who said he saw Commissioner Robert Stephens a couple of years ago and asked if he thought the county would be interested in selling the landfill.

He said Stephens' response was not because the county was doing really well with the landfill. However, Foshie said he received a phone call a few months ago indicating the county was concerned about the situation with BFI opening its landfill in Brundidge.

"I would hate to see the county make a bad decision after doing such a good job," Foshie said. "I ask you (commission) to reconsider selling the landfill."

Commission chairman Tom Grimsley said he would like to renew the motion made during the Wednesday, Dec. 5, meeting to allow the county attorney to proceed with the sale of the landfill and its equipment to WCA based on the negotiated contract.

His motion received a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks.

"I feel an obligation to the county to look after what we have," said Commissioner Doug Dalrymple. "I can't in good faith vote for this."

In explanation, he said he certainly would not sell his farm under the conditions of the con-

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CHRISTMAS IN THE FOREST Christmas in Elba moved to the Forest Lake Subdivision last Saturday evening, Dec. 8, as the Elba Chamber of Commerce and residents of Forest Lake Drive treated guests to the magical "Christmas in the Forest." The guests took buggy rides down the drive where residents had decorated their homes and yards with an array of Christmas lights and designs. The residents also presented live nativity scenes, sang Christmas Carols and took time to say Merry Christmas to everyone attending the event. As the guests reached the end of the road, they were treated to refreshments before catching the next buggy back to their vehicles. As indicated above, the guests were full of smiles as they took their ride through the Christmas forest, and the first time event was deemed an overwhelming success as it continued approximately two hours longer than expected in order to allow everyone in attendance an opportunity to take their buggy ride into the forest.

Area Happenings

RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING On Thursday, Dec. 13 (TODAY), dedicated individuals will unite to begin planning WCA's involvement in the largest cancer-fighting event in the nation...Relay for Life. This organizational meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. at the Elba Public Library. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan this first-time event in Elba is welcome. For more information, please call Annie Yoder at the American Cancer Society office in Dothan at (334) 794-0600.

EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS The Coffee County Extension office in New Bricketon will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from Thursday, Dec. 20, until Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002. The office will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on the 3rd.

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE The Elba United Methodist Church will present a live nativity scene on Friday, Dec. 21, and Saturday, Dec. 22, from 6-8 p.m. in the vacant lot beside the church. Everyone is invited.

BOOK DRIVE The local girl scouts community is currently conducting a book drive to benefit the library programs of at-risk schools. Books are being accepted for elementary and high school reading levels, and collection points are the Elba United Methodist Church and ZC Express. The book drive will continue through March.